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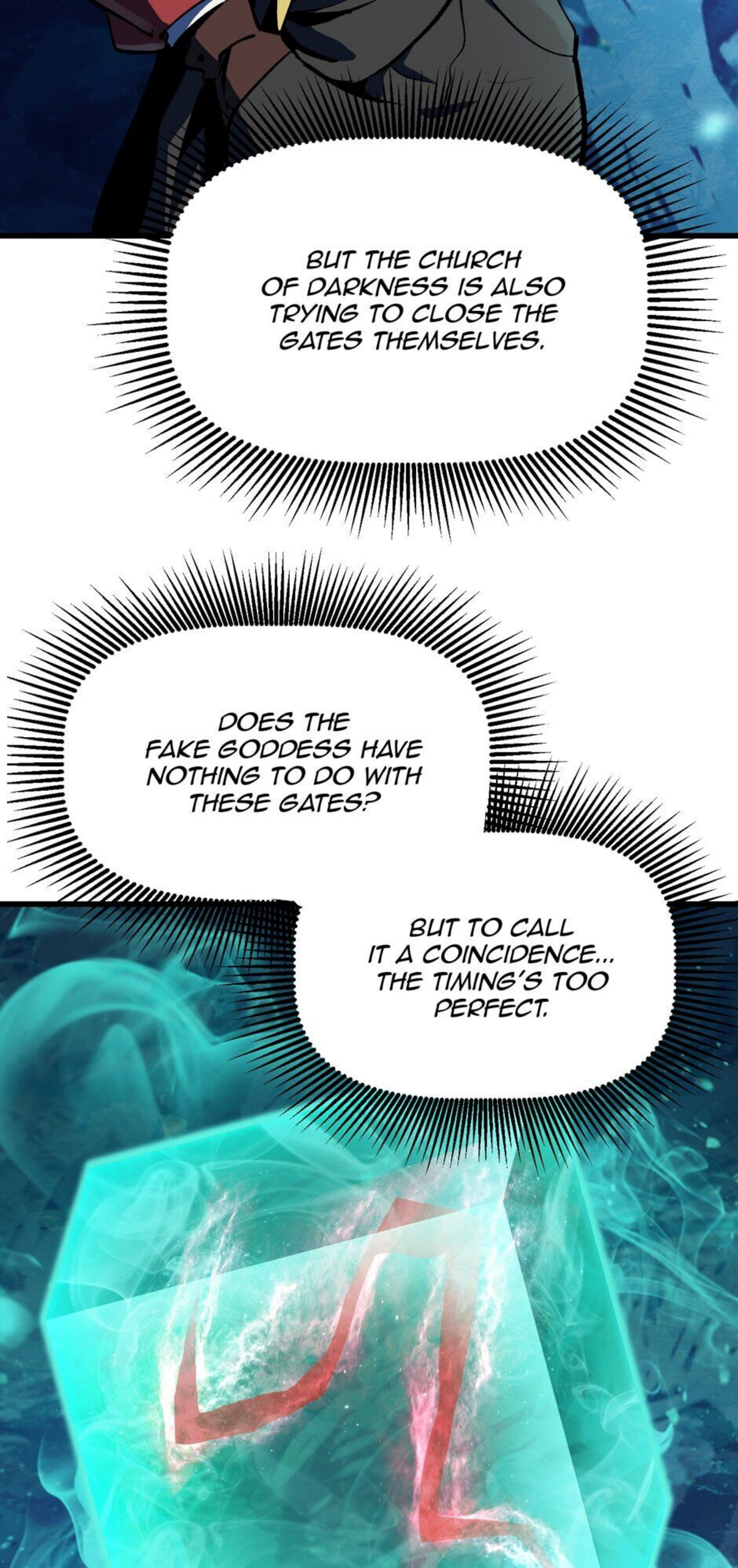
FWOOSH

THE CHURCH OF DARKNESS HAS ALREADY BEEN TAKEN OVER BY WHOEVER'S PRETENDING TO BE THE GODDESS...


BUT THE CHURCH OF DARKNESS IS ALSO TRYING TO CLOSE THE GATES THEMSELVES.
DOES THE FAKE GODDESS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THESE GATES?
BUT TO CALL IT A COINCIDENCE... THE TIMING'S TOO PERFECT.

YOU THINK YOU KNOW WHAT THAT IS?

DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH!

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD THAT NO ONE COULD POSSIBLY KNOW IT?!

I REALLY MEAN IT!

I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT IT CLOSELY YET, BUT...
EVEN SO~ THINGS LIKE DUNGEONS ARE FOR *YOU* TO WORRY ABOUT.

I HAVE NO REASON TO GET INVOLVED!

DON'T YOU KNOW THAT THE GODDESS PROTECTS THIS WORLD?
ANYWAY... SO MY WORK HERE IS DONE, RIGHT?

AND ABOUT THE HEALING ARTIFACT YOU PROMISED LAST TIME...

NO WAY...
SOMEONE STOLE THE GODDESS' POWER?!

BUT... LATNA'S MAGIC OPERATES UNDER THE RULES MADE BY THE GODDESS.

SK

NO MAGIC IN THIS WORLD COULD POSSIBLY STEAL THE GODDESS' DIVINE POWER.

FWICK

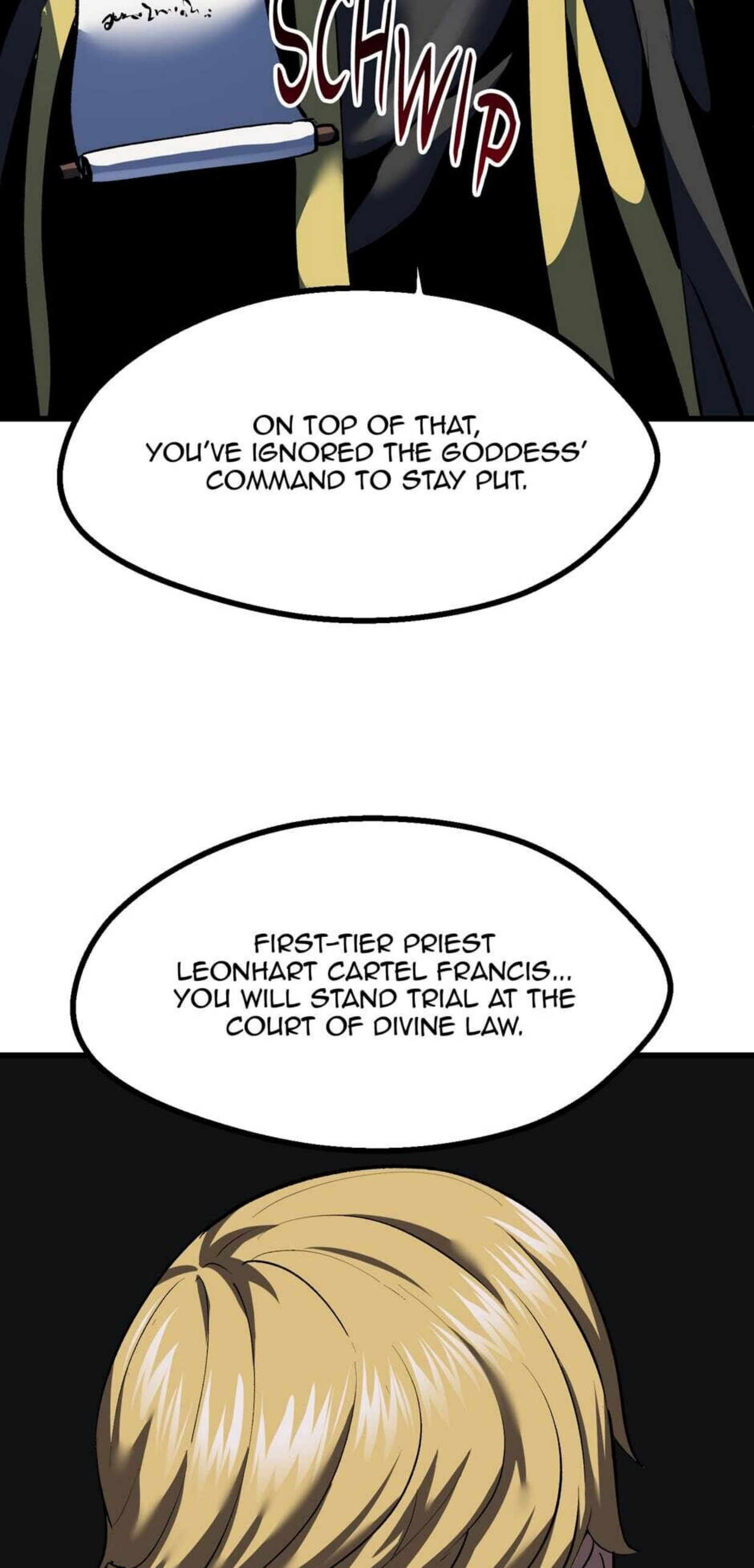
TAK
FINALLY!
SIR LEONHART, LISTEN TO ME FOR A SECOND...

YOU STAY OUT OF THIS.
BUT WE CAME ALL THE WAY HERE TO INVESTIGATE...

I MUST'VE BEEN MISTAKEN IN MY ASSESSMENT.
BESIDES...

WE'RE TOO LATE.

YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR ABUSING YOUR POWER TO CONDUCT AN UNAUTHORIZED INVESTIGATION.


SCHWIP
ON TOP OF THAT, YOU'VE IGNORED THE GODDESS' COMMAND TO STAY PUT.
FIRST-TIER PRIEST LEONHART CARTEL FRANCIS... YOU WILL STAND TRIAL AT THE COURT OF DIVINE LAW.

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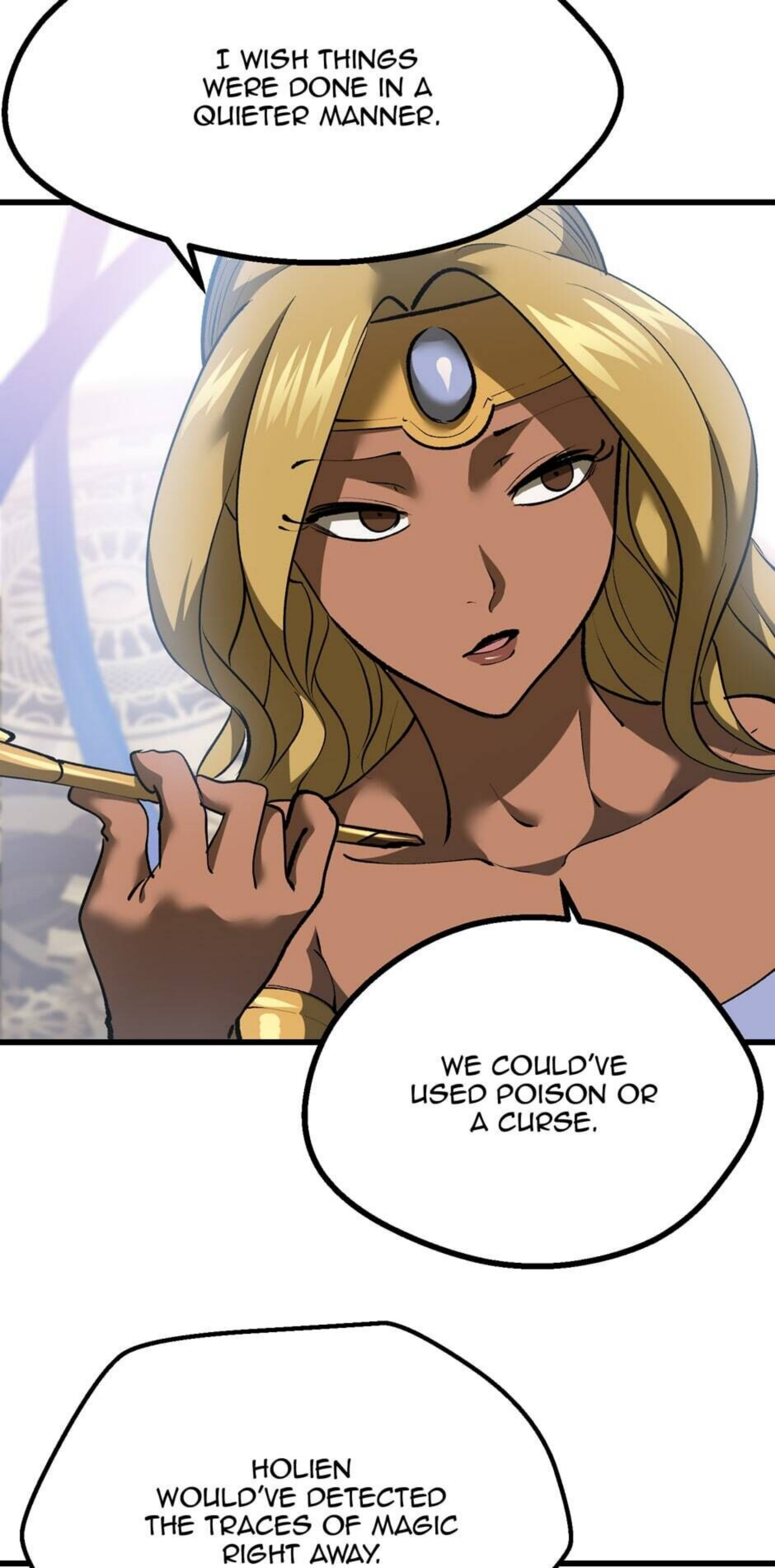
YEAR 250 OF THE 11TH ELF KING'S REIGN...

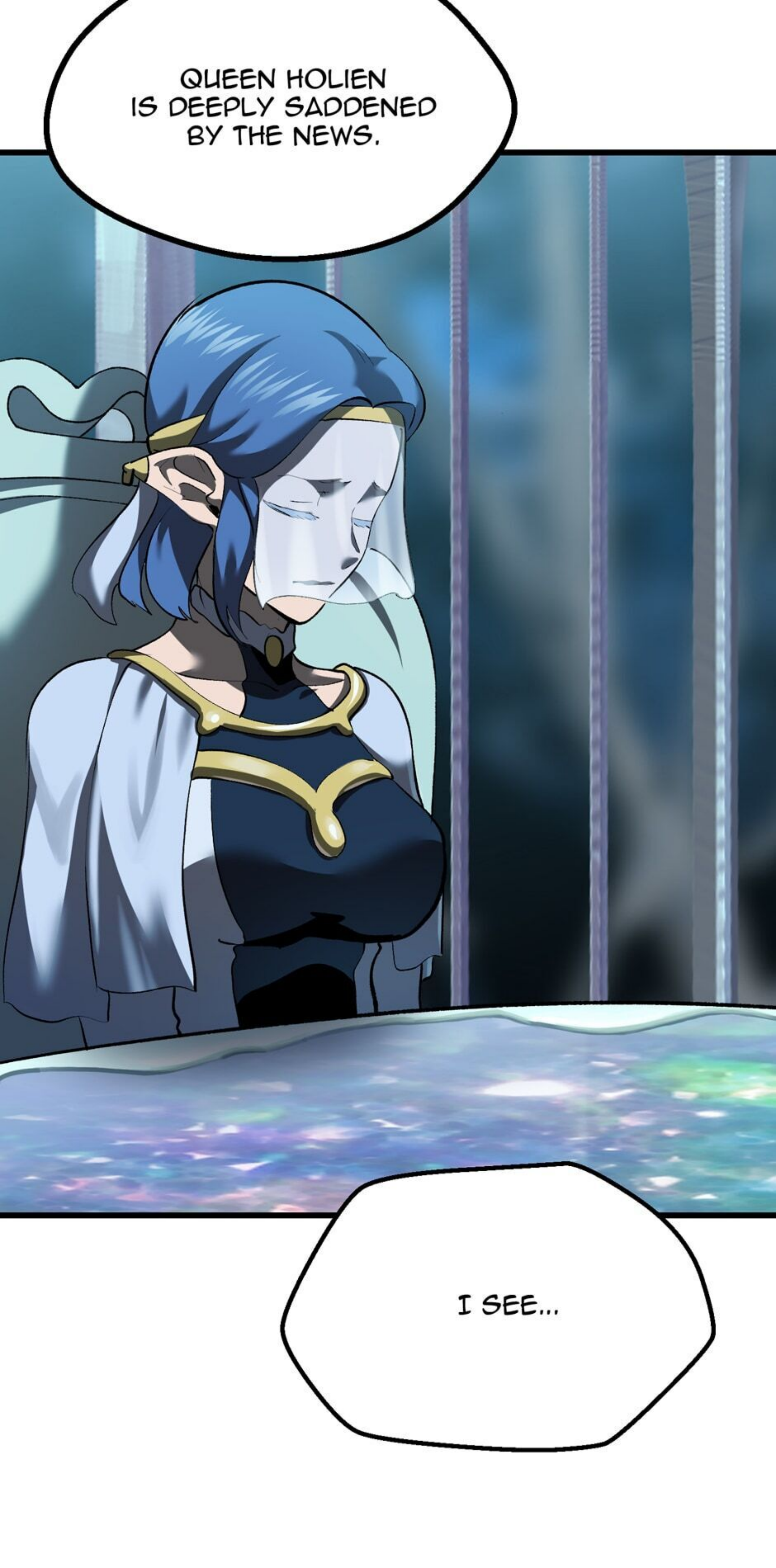
...HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 450 IN HIS PALACE. THE CAUSE OF DEATH— CHRONIC ILLNESS.

THAT'S THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT THE ELVEN KINGDOM MADE TO ITS PEOPLE...
BUT THE KINGDOM HAS CLOSED ITS BORDERS AND STARTED A HUGE INVESTIGATION.


I WISH THINGS WERE DONE IN A QUIETER MANNER.
WE COULD'VE USED POISON OR A CURSE.
HOLIEN WOULD'VE DETECTED THE TRACES OF MAGIC RIGHT AWAY.

A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED ASSASSINATION METHOD CAN CREATE MORE CONFUSION AMONG THE PEOPLE.
IT'S ABSOLUTELY PARAMOUNT THAT WE STOP HOLIEN OR THE OTHER KINGS FROM BEING

SUSPICIOUS.
LIKE YOU SAID, THE KINGS OF THE FAIRY ALLIANCE ARE SCRAMBLING TO FIGURE OUT WHO THE ASSASSIN WAS.


QUEEN HOLIEN IS DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE NEWS.
I SEE...

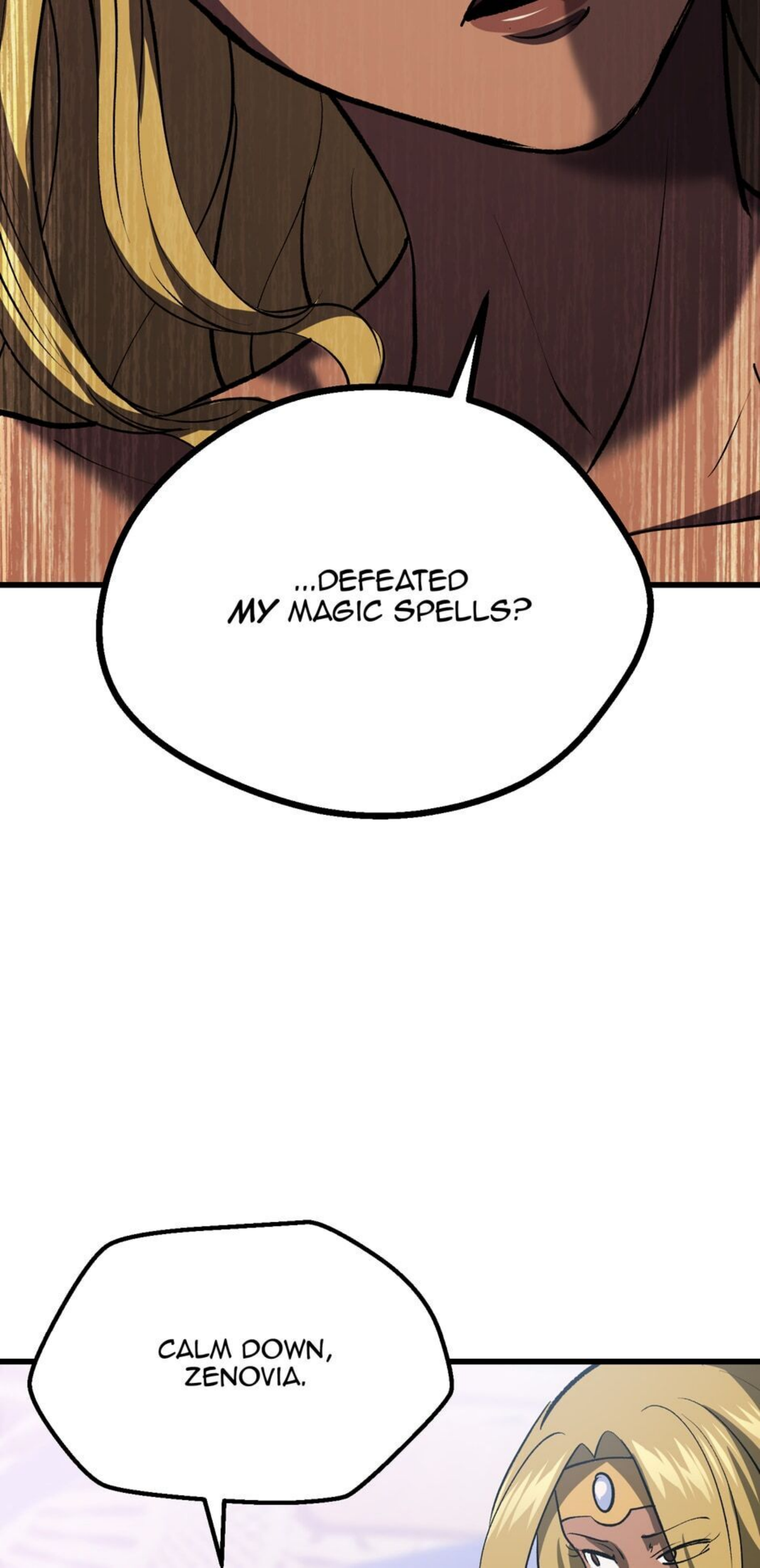
THEN THE
REMAINING ISSUE IS...

DIDN'T YOU SAY
THAT THE VALTARAN

WARRIOR AND HUNTERS
WERE TAKEN CARE OF WITH THE MAGIC TRAPS INSTALLED IN MY RESEARCH FACILITY?

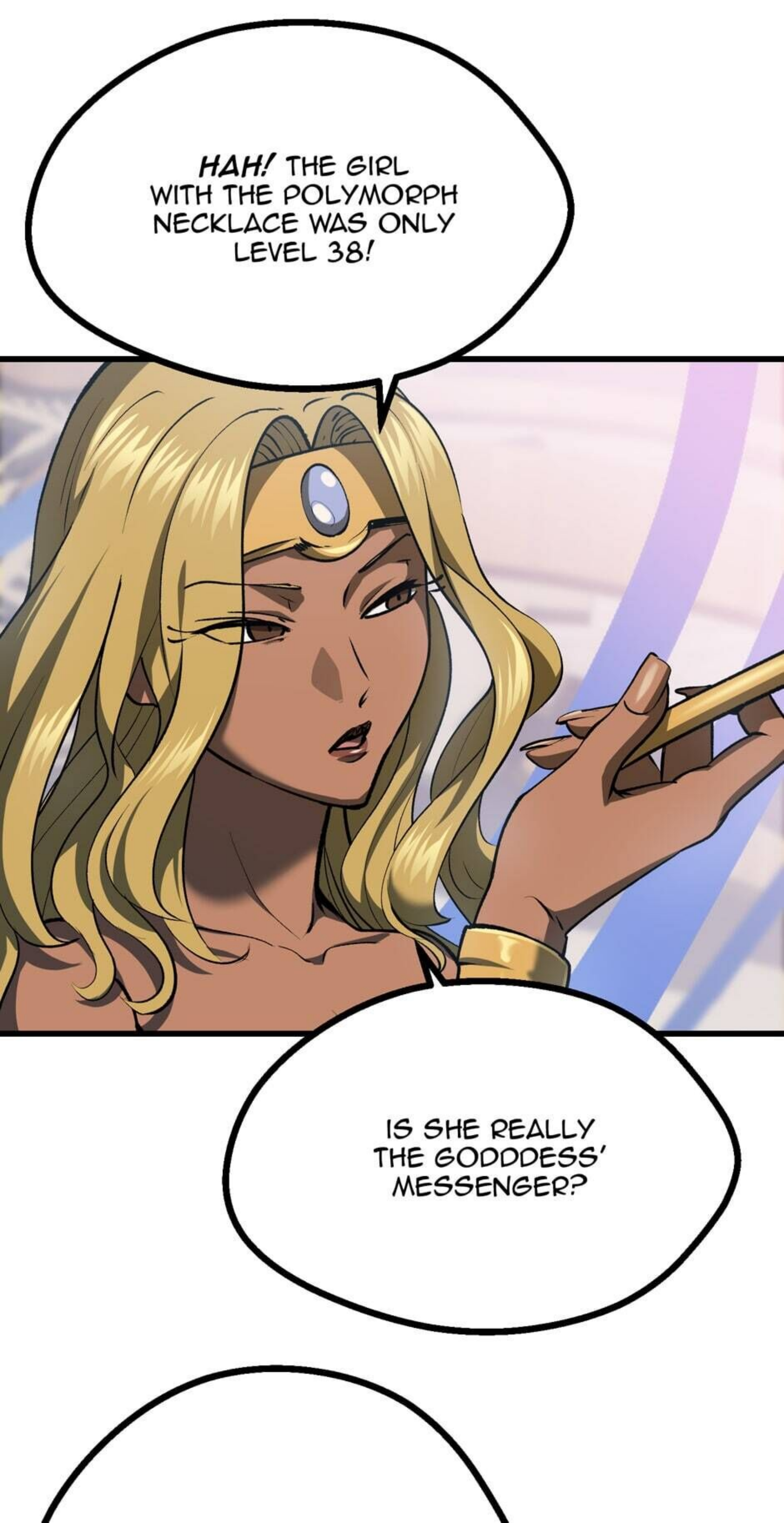
THE TRAPS DEFINITELY WORKED, BUT...
THEY DID?
SO THEY MUST'VE FALLEN INTO THE SUBSPACE SPELL I HAD INSTALLED THERE...
THEN THEY MUST'VE BROKEN MY SPELL,

SINCE THE VALTARAN AND HIS FRIENDS ARE TOTALLY FINE.
MEANING, SOME RANDOM HUNTERS...


...DEFEATED MY MAGIC SPELLS?
CALM DOWN, ZENOVIA.

IT'S OBVIOUS THEY'RE NOT ORDINARY HUNTERS.
ACCORDING TO RICHARD'S REPORT,

THEY'VE BEEN CHOSEN BY THE GODDESS JUST LIKE US.


HAH! THE GIRL WITH THE POLYMORPH NECKLACE WAS ONLY LEVEL 38!
IS SHE REALLY THE GODDDESS' MESSENGER?

YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T GET TO SEE THEM YOURSELF, RIGHT?

THAT'S CORRECT.

THE SECURITY WAS TIGHT WHEN THE HUNTERS WERE TALKING

TO THE ELF KING... IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SNEAK IN.

BUT I WAS ABLE TO LISTEN IN FROM THE OUTSIDE

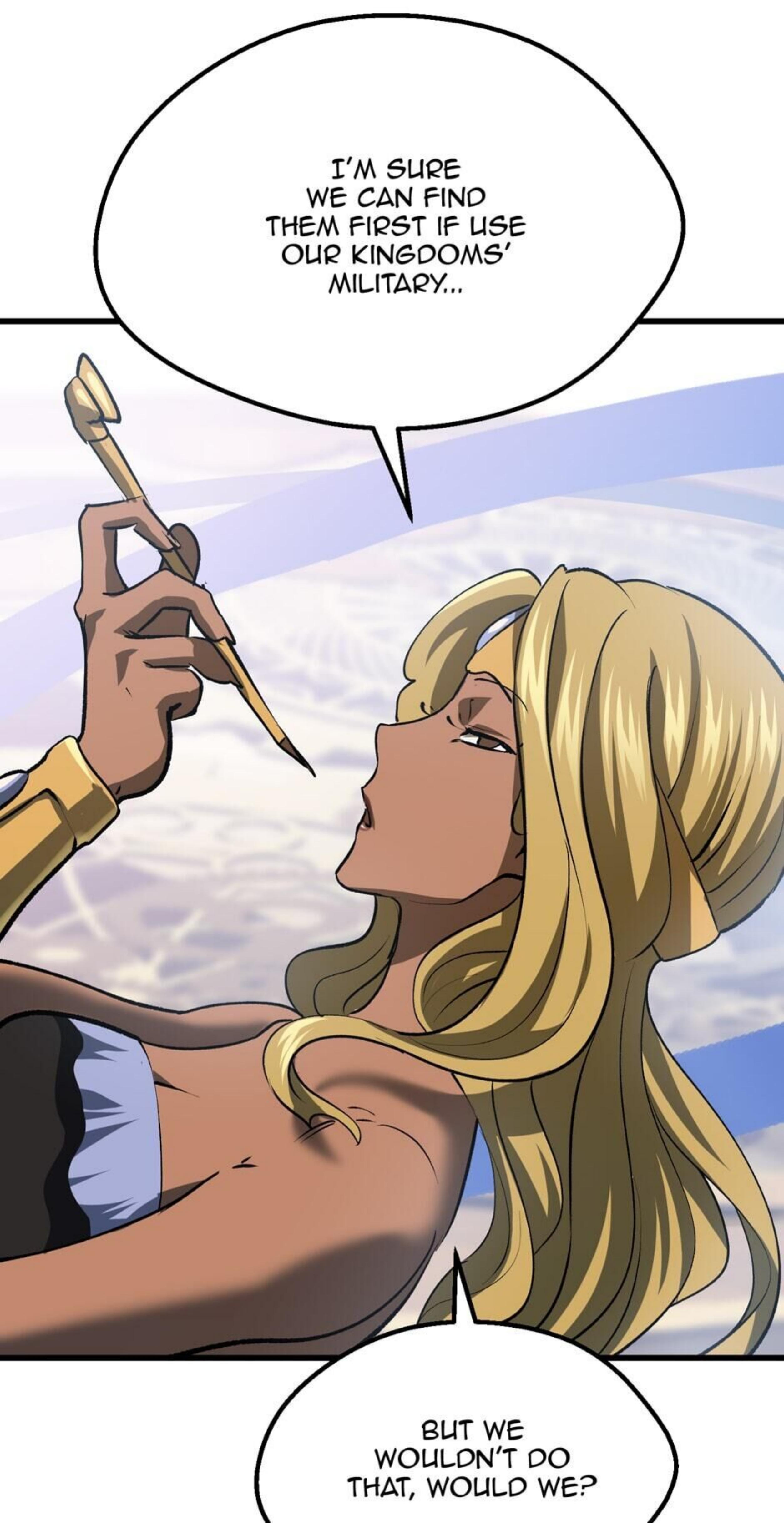
AND HEARD
A WOMAN WHO SAID
SHE WAS 'KIBER,'
THE GODDESS'
MESSENGER.

IT'S
PROBABLY TRUE
THAT SHE'S KIBRIEL'S
MESSENGER.

SHE
KNEW TOO MUCH
ABOUT US.

BUT UNLESS THE CHURCH OF DARKNESS CERTIFIES THAT SHE IS THE MESSENGER, NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE HER.
IT'LL BECOME

A REAL PROBLEM ONCE SHE FINDS PAUTAULT...
THAT'S TRUE... HE'LL COME ATTACKING US WITHOUT EVEN CHECKING IF SHE'S TELLING THE TRUTH.


I'M SURE WE CAN FIND THEM FIRST IF USE OUR KINGDOMS' MILITARY...
BUT WE WOULDN'T DO THAT, WOULD WE?

IT'LL ONLY BRING TOO MUCH ATTENTION IF TWO HUGE KINGDOMS USE THEIR MILITARY TO CAPTURE SOME HUNTERS...

WE DON'T WANT THAT MUCH ATTENTION ON US.

STOP TESTING MY PATIENCE.

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GIVE UP!
HAH! I'M A FREE MAN! I CAN EXERCISE MY FREEDOM NO MATTER WHERE I AM!

I WON'T MOVE A SINGLE STEP UNTIL I SEE SIR LEONHART!
THEN USE THAT FREEDOM TO GO HOME ALREADY!

TSSSSSS
YOU'RE STINKING UP THE WHOLE PLACE!
I DON'T MIND SHARING IF YOU'RE HUNGRY!

WHAM
I TOLD YOU, I'M WORKING!
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE SO STIFF~

HEY, HEY!
WHAT DO YOU THINK
YOU'RE DOING?
LET ME JUST
SEE HIM ONCE!

I BROUGHT
A LITTLE SOMETHING
FOR YOU~

THAT'S MINE!

DRAG

I ONLY GAVE YOU THAT TO FIGURE OUT ITS INITIATION SPELL!
WHO TOLD YOU TO JUST GIVE IT AWAY?!
SHF

YOU WANT ME TO TELL THEM YOU'RE AN OTHERWORLDER?

BUT I'M INDEBTED TO SIR LEONHART WITH MY LIFE!

I CANNOT JUST LEAVE HIM BEHIND AFTER WHAT HE DID FOR ME!

YOU OWE HIM YOUR LIFE, NOT MY BALLS!

GIVE IT BACK!

SNATCH

WHO CARES ABOUT THIS WORLD OR THE DEMONIC GOD...

HUU
HUU
I JUST WANTED TO LIVE COMFORTABLY AS A HUNTER IN MY TOWN... HOW DID IT COME TO THIS?
I CAN'T BELIEVE I GOT MIXED UP WITH THIS USELESS CROWD...

I'M SORRY.

I WAS SO FRUSTRATED AT HOW PATHETIC I AM... I'M NO HELP EVEN TO SOMEONE WHO SAVED MY LIFE.

MAYBE YOU JUST DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT HOW THINGS ARE HERE...

HE WAS SENT TO THE CHURCH OF DARKNESS' ***DIVINE LAW COURT!***

HE'S A HIGH-LEVEL PRIEST WHO WENT AGAINST THE GODDESS' COMMAND!

IT'S A MIRACLE THAT THEY EVEN LET US GO AFTER KNOWING THAT WE WERE HELPING HIM!

SOON
ENOUGH, HE'LL BE...

HEADS TO THE FLOOR.
YES, SIR!

THUD

YOU PIECES OF TRASH.. YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES.
WHAT KIND OF AN INQUISITOR CAN'T EVEN LEAVE A SCRATCH

EVEN LEAVE A SCRATCH
ON A SUSPECT?

AND YOU
CALL YOURSELVES
'KIBRIEL'S SWORDS'?!

YOU ONLY BRING SHAME TO HER NAME.

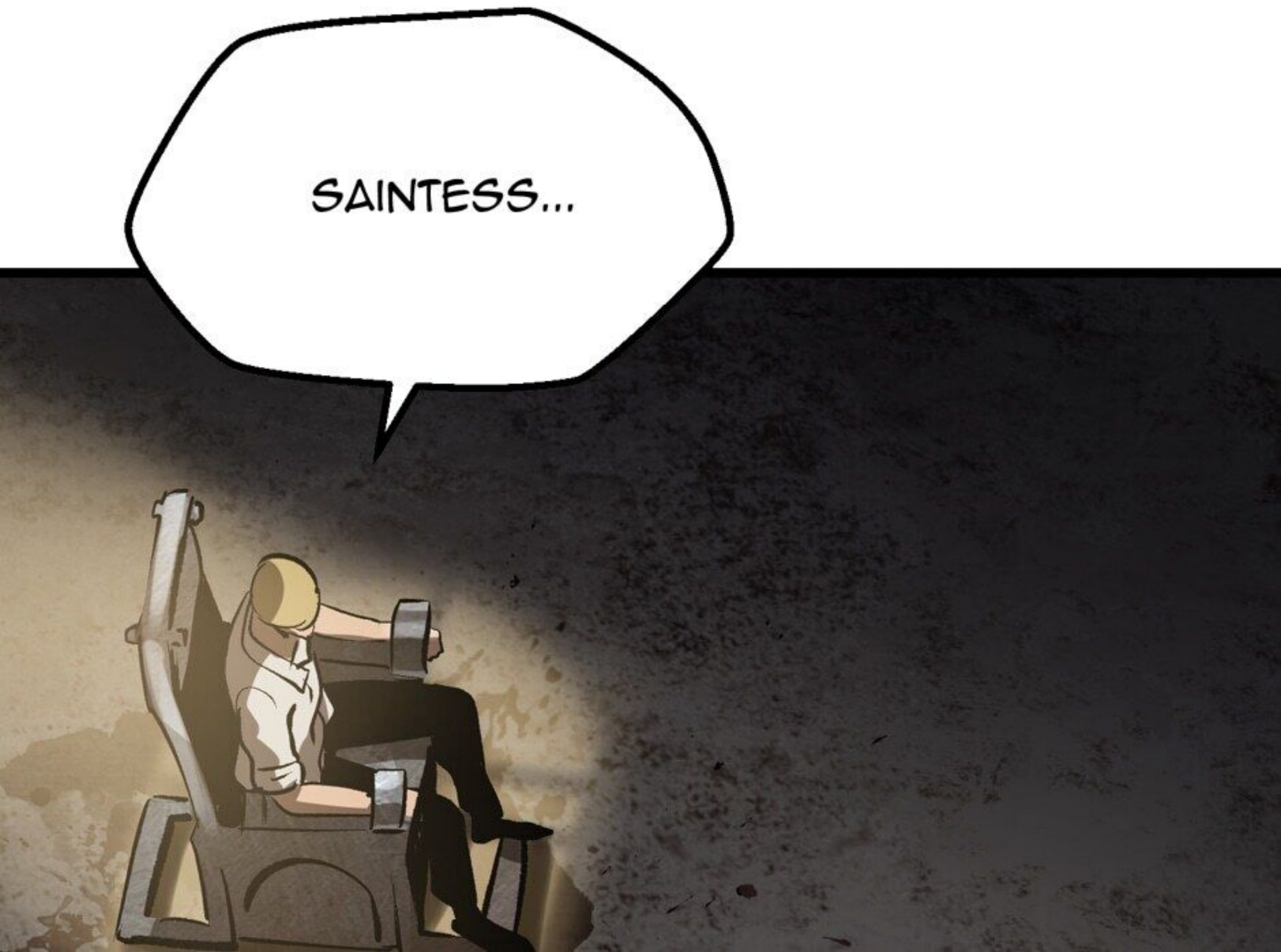
DID I TEACH YOU TO GO EASY ON ME

JUST BECAUSE I'M THE ONE WHO TRAINED YOU?

NO, SIR!

BUT I REALLY HIT YOU WITH ALL OF MY STRENGTH... DAMN IT!

IT SEEMS LIKE YOU *WANT* TO BE PUNISHED.
SIR LEONHART.


SAINTESS...

NO NEED TO GET UP.
THE TREASURY WOULD BE QUITE UPSET IF YOU BREAK ANY MORE THINGS AROUND HERE.

THIS...

...REMINDS ME OF THE TIME I FIRST MET YOU, 30 YEARS AGO.

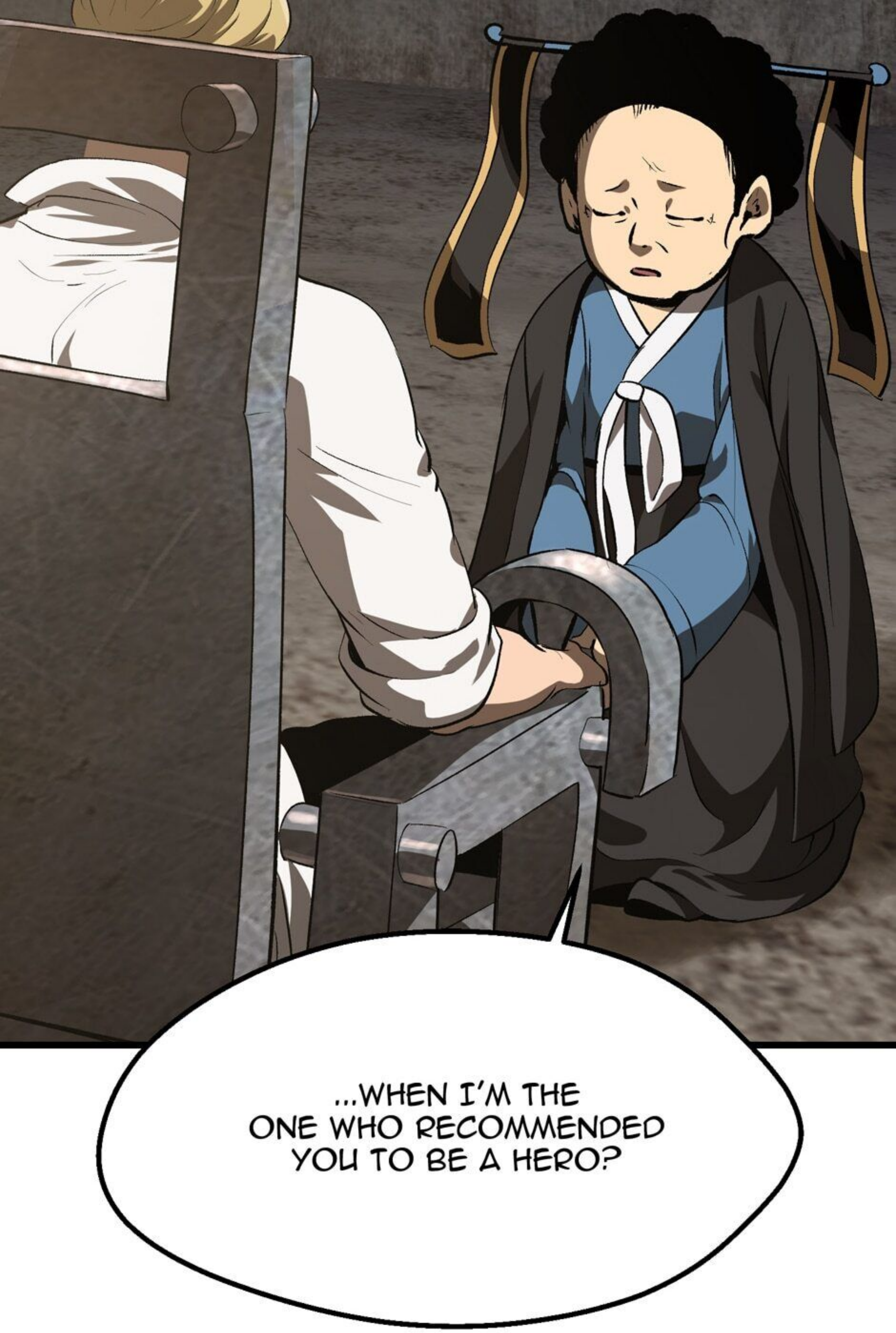
YOU WERE BROUGHT HERE FOR ASSAULTING A PRIEST. YOU HAD HIT HIM JUST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T LIKE HIM.

BOTH 30 YEARS AGO AND NOW... I ONLY DO WHAT I THINK IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

THEN YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN WHY YOU DISOBEYED THE GODDESS' COMMAND WITH THAT SAME CONFIDENCE.

OTHERWISE, I MIGHT HAVE TO TAKE BACK YOUR BLESSING.

WILL YOU REALLY FORCE ME TO TAKE YOUR LIFE...


...WHEN I'M THE ONE WHO RECOMMENDED YOU TO BE A HERO?

I...

RED DOG
CULTURE HOUSE